AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A method of providing a user with personal caller identification information, comprising:

receiving, by a personal caller identification server, a calling party number in response to a telephone call;

querying, by the personal caller identification server, a network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve network caller identification information associated with the calling party number;

querying, by the personal caller identification server, a central, network-based personal address book which is distinct from the network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number; and

forwarding the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to a destination associated with the telephone call.

22. (New) A method according to claim 21, further comprising:

receiving a called party number at a network service platform, in response to the telephone call;

determining that a party associated with the called party number subscribes to a personal caller identification service; and

forwarding the calling party number to the personal caller identification server based upon the determination that the party subscribes to the personal caller identification service.

23. (New) A method according to claim 22, further comprising:

forwarding the called party number to the network service platform, from a network element handling the telephone call,

wherein forwarding the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to a destination associated with the telephone call comprises forwarding the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to the network element.

24. (New) A method according to claim 22, wherein forwarding the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to a destination associated with the telephone call comprises forwarding the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to the party associated with the called party number.

25. (New) A method according to claim 22, wherein the network service platform comprises one of a SCP, a SIP feature server, and a Parlay gateway.

26. (New) A personal caller identification server for providing a user with personal caller identification information, wherein the personal caller identification server:

receives a calling party number in response to a telephone call;

queries a network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve network caller identification information associated with the calling party number;

queries a central, network-based personal address book which is distinct from the network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number; and

forwards the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to a destination associated with the telephone call.

27. (New) A personal caller identification server according to claim 26, wherein the personal caller identification server receives the calling party number from a network service platform.

28. (New) A personal caller identification server according to claim 27, wherein the network service platform receives the calling party number from a network element handling the telephone call, and the personal caller identification server forwards the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to the network element via the network service platform.

29. (New) A personal caller identification server according to claim 27, wherein the network service platform comprises one of a SCP, a SIP feature server, and a Parlay gateway.

30. (New) A personal caller identification server according to claim 26, wherein the personal caller identification server allows a party to modify the personal address book via the personal caller identification server.

31. (New) A computer readable medium that stores a computer program for providing a user with personal caller identification information, comprising:

code for receiving a calling party number in response to a telephone call;

code for querying a network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve network caller identification information associated with the calling party number;

code for querying a central, network-based personal address book which is distinct from the network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number; and

code for forwarding the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to a destination associated with the telephone call.

32. (New) A computer readable medium according to claim 31, wherein the code for receiving the calling party number comprises code for receiving the calling party number from a network service platform.

33. (New) A computer readable medium according to claim 32, wherein the code for forwarding the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification

information comprises code for forwarding the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to the network service platform.

34. (New) A computer readable medium according to claim 32, wherein the network service platform comprises one of a SCP, a SIP feature server, and a Parlay gateway.

35. (New) A computer readable medium according to claim 31, further comprising code for modifying the personal address book.

36. (New) A telecommunication system that provides a user with personal caller identification information, comprising:

a network caller identification database that stores network caller identification information;

a central, network-based personal address book which is distinct from the network caller identification database, and which stores personal caller identification information; and

a personal caller identification server that receives a calling party number in response to a telephone call, queries the network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve network caller identification information associated with the calling party number, queries the personal address book, using the calling party number, to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number, and forwards the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to a destination associated with the telephone call.

37. (New) A telecommunication system according to claim 36, further comprising:

a network service platform that receives a called party number in response to the telephone call, determines that a party associated with the called party number subscribes to a personal caller identification service, and forwards the calling party number to the personal caller identification server based upon the determination that the party subscribes to the personal caller identification service.

38. (New) A telecommunication system according to claim 37, wherein the network service platform comprises one of a SCP, a SIP feature server, and a Parlay gateway.

39. (New) A telecommunication system according to claim 37, further comprising:

a network element that handles the telephone call and forwards the called party number to the network service platform,

wherein the personal identification server forwards the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to the network element via the network service platform.

40. (New) A telecommunication system according to claim 39, wherein the network element forwards the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to the party associated with the called party number.